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FEE TRANSMITTAL
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fees Paid ($)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
_____ - 20 or HP =	_____ x	_____ =	_____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
_____ - 3 or HP =	_____ x	_____ =	_____

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Eric G. Hull, Charles H. Riedy and Robert M. Gudin
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Title	:	MUD BOX AND ADAPTERS
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Last Office Action	:	January 11, 2005
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ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, applicants hereby elect the invention identified with reference to FIGS. 1-7 without traverse. Claims 1-11 are directed to the elected invention.

The Requirement for Election of Species is not appropriate and has been interpreted as a Requirement for Restriction between independent inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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